

## ROBBERS DO ABOUND.

Daring Work of Bandits in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

Brakeman Shot for Resisting on an Evansville Train.

Systematic Burglars at Middletown, Ind.

(By Associated Press.)

DECATUR, Ill., Nov. 14.—An attempt was made Sunday night to hold up a Pullman, Decatur and Evansville passenger train. Three men masked with handkerchiefs got on at Lincoln's Coal Shop, and when the train started they presented revolvers at some of the passengers in the coach and demanded money.

Brakeman George Trout made a brave fight with the robbers, endeavoring to knock one of them down and overpower him. He succeeded in getting the better of one, but another shot him in the stomach, and it is thought that he will die.

The robbers then held the other people in the car in check with their revolvers until the train was near Mount Pleasant. Then one of them jumped off the train, which was running about twenty-five miles an hour.

The others got off at Mount Pleasant, and nothing further has been heard of them. They did not get any money or jewelry from the passengers.

ROBBED BY MASKED BANDITS.

Ararapahoe, O. T., Storekeeper Compelled to Open His Safe.

(By Associated Press.)

EL RENO, I. T., Nov. 14.—Four bandits walked into the store of William Highwater, at Ararapahoe, O. T., and presented revolvers at the heads of the proprietor and clerks, demanding that they open the safe and give up the money it contained.

Their request was quickly granted and the robbers went to the safe. The robbery took place early in the evening and the amount of money taken was \$100. There is no trace of the perpetrators.

BANDITS RAID INDIANA TOWNS.

Five Masked Men Rob Residence After Resisting.

(By Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 14.—What appears to be a systematic course of burglary has been inaugurated in the vicinity of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Sunday night the towns of Sellersburg and Hamburg were raided by five masked men. At Sellersburg they first called on John A. Sellers, a salaried man, and at the point of revolvers they compelled him to surrender about \$50 in cash.

At the house of R. H. Haus, they secured \$40, and other residences were robbed of various amounts.

Hamburg was next visited, where Mr. Jones was relieved of a sum of money. A pack of children and a young man were telegraphed for to run down the robbers.

TWELVE ROBBERIES IN 10 DAYS.

Talk of Organizing a Vigilance Committee in Middletown, O.

(By Associated Press.)

MIDDLETOWN, O., Nov. 14.—Burglary has begun a reign of terror here. Twelve robberies have been reported within a week, and the police have made no arrests.

Robbers broke open the private baggage car of the "Spitzer and Fly" Company, on the Big Four switch, and stole a quantity of goods, but left a box containing the contents of the car.

Sunday night John Schwartz and his family were chloroformed and robbed. Mrs. Goldsmith was drugged and robbed. Several unsuccessful attempts to break into private dwellings and stores were also made. There is talk of organizing a vigilance committee.

BURGLARS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Houses of a Representative and Postmaster Entered.

(By Associated Press.)

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 14.—Burglars ransacked the residence of Samuel Leach, Representative in the State Legislature, at Schuylkill Haven last night, and a large amount of valuables were stolen.

Part of the booty was a valuable gold watch that was taken to the residence of the Postmaster Dangler and Willis Bryant were also robbed.

SECURED BURGLARS AND BOOTY.

One Prisoner Is "Dick the Tinker," and Both Are Ex-Convicts.

Richard Keegan, better known as "Dick the Tinker," and John Keegan, both of 31 Oak street, were remanded in the Tombs Police Court this morning upon the charge of burglary. They were arrested late last night by policemen, who saw them carrying off \$200 worth of property from a saloon at the corner of Cherry and Oliver streets. The glass in the door of the saloon had been broken and the booty could be moved back. Both men are ex-convicts. The saloon is owned by the David Meyer Brewing Company.

FOUND A BURGLAR ASLEEP.

Charles Johnson Held on Harry Gesteffer's Complaint.

Charles Johnson, aged eighteen, living in a lodging-house at 26 Third avenue, was held on the charge of burglary in the Yorkville Police Court this morning.

His accuser was Harry Gesteffer, of 15 East Twenty-third street. On Monday morning Gesteffer found that his house had been visited by burglars, but that his coat and hat were the only articles that had been taken. He was wearing a hat that had been taken from him.

Johnson explained his presence by saying he had found a gate that led into the house open, and he had entered to see what was going on. He said he had bought the stolen hat from the Bowery. The accused was committed to the Police Court, of the East Twenty-third street station.

HELD AS A HORSE THIEF.

Krogel Fancied McKim's Big and Drove Away.

Frederick Krogel, twenty-one years old, of 956 First avenue, was a prisoner in the Harlem Police Court this morning charged with grand larceny. He was held in \$1,000 bail for examination.

## MRS. BRIGHAM DENIES.

She Swears Bates Did Not Give Her \$150 a Week.

Neither Did He Pay the Rent of Her Flat.

Were the Merchant's Heirs After the Insurance Money?

(By Associated Press.)

THE trial of the suit of Samuel H. Millard against Mrs. Frances G. Brigham, brought before Judge Newburger, in the City Court, has brought out some remarkable facts in regard to the private affairs of the late Levi M. Bates, the dry-goods merchant who was drowned in the East River while out rowing with his son in 1901.

The action is brought to recover a life policy of \$200,000 on the life of Mr. Bates, which Mrs. Brigham had made in favor of Mrs. Brigham, who lives at 312 West 107th street, and who is now 72 years of age.

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